

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit:	3773
Michael HOGENDIJK)		
)	Examiner:	Vy Q BUI
Serial No.: 10/772,840)		
)	Confirmation No.:	6012
Filed: February 4, 2004)		
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For: RIBBON-TYPE VASCULAR)		
PROSTHESIS HAVING STRESS-)		
RELIEVING ARTICULATION AND)		
METHODS OF USE)		

San Diego, California

Mail Stop: Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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DECLARATION

I, Janelle Humphrey, declare:

1. I work in the capacity of a Patent Prosecution Paralegal with Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLP, with a business address of 11988 El Camino Real, Suite 200, San Diego, California 92130. My home address is 6346 Osler Street, San Diego, California 92111.
2. I make this declaration in support of the accompanying petition in the above-identified patent application for revival due to failure to reply to an Office Action dated October 18, 2007.
3. On February 22, 2008, Mr. DeHaemer, an attorney at the firm, gave me a chart generated using data from, private PAIR website identifying all applications which have had a status change within the prior six months.
4. On February 22, 2008, by comparing the chart identified above to our docketing system, I discovered that an Office Action was mailed on October 18, 2007, for United States Patent Application No. 10/772,840 (our reference 31530-1050), but there was no record of the Office Action in the docket system.
5. The mail, when it arrives at Luce Forward, is opened, date stamped, and entered into our back-up docketing system by our department head legal secretary. These documents are then hand delivered to me for entry into our primary docket system. I have examined both

docketing systems and neither docketing system has an entry for an Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, for United States Patent Application No. 10/772,840.

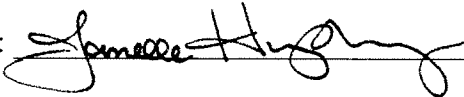
6. Enclosed with this Declaration please find, as Exhibit 1, a Due Date report from the docket system of all items due during two weeks surrounding the January 18, 2008, due date of the non-received Office Action. This report is included to indicate that mail is docketed on a consistent and timely basis. Although the report has an entry for the non-received Office Action, the Office Action was not entered into the docket system until February 22, 2008. To protect client and application confidentiality, client names and other confidential information on the Due Date report have been redacted.

7. Also enclosed, Exhibit 2, is a copy of an Actions Due page of the docket record concerning the non-received Office Action. As indicated in the "Date Created" field, the entry for the Office Action was entered into the docket system on February 22, 2008, the date which I discovered the missing Office Action.

8. Finally, enclosed is a copy of the Remarks section, Exhibit 3, of the docket record for the present case. There are no entries between the mailing date of the non-received Office Action (October 18, 2007) and the date I discovered the Office Action.

9. The delay in filing the required reply to the Office Action prior to the due date was unavoidable. Luce Forward uses great care and diligence in maintaining our docket systems. We exercise this care and rely upon the ordinary and trustworthy agency of the United States Postal Service as an instrumentality to conduct the important function of delivering correspondence from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signature: _____

Name: Janelle Humphrey_____

Date: March 5, 2008_____

Due Date List By Date

14-Jan-2008 To 25-Jan-2008

Due Date Indicator	Action Due Action Type	Case Number/SubCase Country	Status Client	App Number Pat Number	App Date Iss Date	Atty's
18-Jan-2008	3 Month Due Date	31530-1050	Published	10/772,840	04-Feb-2004	MJD
Due Date	US-Final Office Action	United States of America				
		<i>Title:</i> RIBBON-TYPE VASCULAR PROSTHESIS HAVING STRESS-RELIEVING ARTICULATION AND METHODS OF USE (NVS-1050)				
19-Jan-2008	2 Months Until Response Due	30238-444	Pending	2,509,674	12-Dec-2003	MPB
Reminder	Foreign Office Action	Canada				
20-Jan-2008	disclosure	30238-1087	Published	1897-2007	27-Jun-2007	MPB
Due Date		Chile				
		<i>Title:</i> MULTIPURPOSE EXERCISE SYSTEM				
20-Jan-2008	DDL Year 4 MF w/surcharge	31981-6/P02	Granted	09/228,929	12-Jan-1999	MPB
Due Date	DDL Year 4 MF	United States of America		6,681,398	20-Jan-2004	KAC
		<i>Title:</i> Systems, devices and methods for reviewing selected signal segments				
21-Jan-2008	2 mo. / Annuity Due	26015-P03	Granted			DEH
Reminder	Annuity	Belgium		0746870		PKH
		<i>Title:</i> IRRADIATION SYSTEM UTILIZING CONVEYOR-TRANSPORTED ARTICLE CARRIERS				
21-Jan-2008	3 mo. / Annuity Due	30289-1222	Published	05738690.6	21-Apr-2005	MPB
Reminder	Annuity	European Patent Convention				
		<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WORD OF MOUTH SELLING VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK				
21-Jan-2008	1 Month to Final OA Due Date	31530-1100	Published	11/154,056	15-Jun-2005	MJD
Reminder	US-Final Office Action	United States of America				
		<i>Title:</i> PROSTHESIS, DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEUROVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR [NVS-1100]				

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23-Jan-2008	3 mo to non-prov/FF DDL	34306-2/P03	Pending	60/926,054	23-Apr-2007	PKH
Due Date	1 mo to non-prov/FF DDL	United States of America				MJM
24-Jan-2008	1st Extension Final OA Due	30289-1240	Published	11/044,544	26-Jan-2005	MPB
Due Date	US-Final Office Action	United States of America				
<i>Title:</i> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONSTRUCTING A NETWORKING DATABASE AND SYSTEM PROACTIVELY						
24-Jan-2008	3 Months Until Response Due	31188-1063	Published	200262035	07-Mar-2002	MJD
Reminder	Foreign Office Action	Japan				
<i>Title:</i> SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS REQUIRING MIRCOPAYMENT [GTIX-001 CIP3]						
25-Jan-2008	3 Months Until Response Due	30238-10617	Pending	IAP 20070167	29-Sep-2005	MPB
Reminder	Foreign Office Action	Uzbekistan				

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Case Number: 31530-1050

SubCase:

Country: US United States of America

Case Type: CIP

Status : Published

Filing Date: 04-Feb-2004

Action Type: US-Final Office Action

Base Date: 18-Oct-2007

Application #: 10/772,840

Response sent date:

Action(s) Due	Due Date	Indicator	Taken
1 Month to Due Date	18-Dec-2007	Reminder	
3 Month Due Date	18-Jan-2008	Due Date	
1st Extension f/Final OA	18-Feb-2008	Due Date	
2nd Extension f/Final OA	18-Mar-2008	Due Date	
6 Month Final OA Date	18-Apr-2008	Final	

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Case Number: 31530-1050	Country: US	SubCase:
Invention Title: RIBBON-TYPE VASCULAR PROSTHESIS HAVING STRESS-RELIEVING ARTI		
Client: NovoStent Corporation	United States of America	
Case Type: CIP	Application Status: Published	
Application Number: 10/772,840	Filing Date: 04-Feb-2004	
Publication Number: 2004-0158314	Publication Date: 12-Aug-2004	
Patent Number:	Issue Date:	
Parent/PCT Number: 10/342,427	Parent/PCT Date : 13-Jan-2003	
Parent Issue Number:	Parent Issue Date :	
Tax Schedule: LE	Expiration Date:	
Confirmation #: 6012	Patent Term Adjustment: 0	
Agent:	Agent Reference #:	

Family Reference:

Remarks: This application is a CIP of 10/342,427 filed 01-13-2003 (31530-1010) which claims priority to 60/436,516 filed 12-24-2002

05-11-2004: Received filing receipt. Reported to client.
05-25-2004: Five (5) sheets of formal drawings filed.
04-15-2005: Supplemental IDS w/42 cited references.
03-28-2007: Received Office Action w/ mailing date of March 26, 2007.
06-15-2007: Reviewed ISR for co-pending PCT, no IDS needed, reference previously cited.
06-21-2007: Email to client enclosing draft response to OA.
06-25-2007: Email from client approving our draft response and instructed us to proceed with the filing of the Response to OA.
06-26-2007: Response to OA e-filed with the USPTO.
2-22-2008: received OA from USPTO dated 10-18-2007. Due 01-18-2008 DDL 04-18-2008. This application was lost in the mail, but was found when looking through PAIR.
03-03-2008: Filed a Rqst fo r the OA to be remailed and the clock to be restarted.

Exhibit 3

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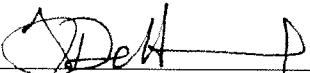
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3. On or about February 22, 2008, I accessed private PAIR and downloaded the XML file identifying applications which have had a status change within the prior six months. Using a simple script, I extracted the data from the XML file and created a chart showing the recent changes. I gave the chart to Janelle Humphrey to check against our docket system.

4. Ms. Humphrey later notified me that the data from private PAIR showed that a Final Office Action had been mailed in the above-identified application, but that there was no record of the Office Action in the file or docket system. A check of our secondary docket system confirmed that we had never received the Office Action.

5. After consulting the MPEP, the USPTO Inventor's Assistance Center, and Henry Yuen (TC-3700 SPRE), I filed the accompanying petition requesting that the Office Action be re-mailed and that the time to respond to be reset.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Name: M J DeHaemer, Jr., Reg. No. 39,164

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